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SENATE BILL 74

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; AMENDING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE TO REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND STATE-CHARTERED CHARTER SCHOOLS TO REPORT CERTAIN FIRST REPORTING DATE DATA TO THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR, IN CALCULATING THE TRANSPORTATION DISTRIBUTION, TO INCLUDE REPORTS FROM THE PRIOR YEAR'S FIRST REPORTING DATE, IN ADDITION TO THE PRIOR YEAR'S SECOND AND THIRD REPORTING DATES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 22-8-29 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Chapter 16, Section 78, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-8-29. TRANSPORTATION DISTRIBUTIONS--REPORTS--
PAYMENTS.--

A. On the first reporting date, the second

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1 reporting date and the third reporting date of each year, each
2 local school board of a school district and governing body of a
3 state-chartered charter school shall report to the state
4 transportation director, upon forms furnished by the state
5 transportation director, the following information concerning
6 the school district's or state-chartered charter school's
7 operation on each respective reporting date of the current
8 year:

9 (1) the number and designation of school bus
10 routes in operation in the school district;

11 (2) the number of miles traveled by each
12 school bus on each school bus route, showing the route mileage
13 in accordance with the type of road surface traveled;

14 (3) the number of students, including special
15 education students, transported on each reporting date of the
16 current year and adjusted for special education students on
17 December 1;

18 (4) the projected number of students to be
19 transported in the next school year;

20 (5) the seating capacity, age and mileage of
21 each bus used in the school district for student
22 transportation; and

23 (6) the number of total miles traveled for
24 each school district's or state-chartered charter school's per
25 capita feeder routes.

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1 B. Each local school board of a school district and
2 governing body of a state-chartered charter school maintaining
3 a school bus route shall make further reports to the state
4 transportation director at other times specified by the state
5 transportation director.

6 C. The state transportation director shall certify
7 to the secretary that the allocations from the transportation
8 distributions to each school district and state-chartered
9 charter school are based upon the transportation distribution
10 formula established in the Public School Code calculated and
11 distributed for the entire school year using an average of the
12 amounts reported on the first, second [~~reporting date~~] and
13 third reporting [~~date~~] dates of the prior school year and
14 subject to audit and verification.

15 D. The department shall make periodic installment
16 payments to school districts and state-chartered charter
17 schools during the school year from the transportation
18 distributions, based upon the allocations certified by the
19 state transportation director."